

ACTIVITIES OF UNCLE SAM'S ASSISTANTS.

CENSUS BUREAU

STEUART OFF TO ATTEND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE

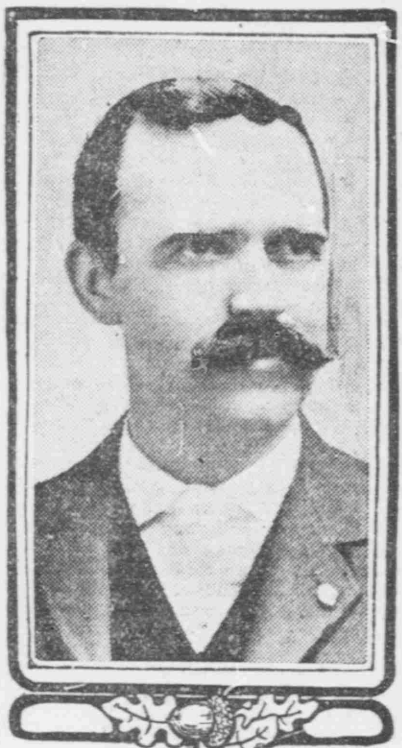
Is One of Two American Delegates to International Gathering.

STOPS IN ENGLAND FOR A CONFERENCE

Represents Department of Commerce and Labor; Goes as Expert Adviser.

William M. Steuart, chief statistician for manufactures, who was named to represent the Department of Commerce and Labor as one of the two delegates from the United States to the general assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome, sailed from New York on Thursday morning, and will land at Plymouth, England, on Friday of this week. After a conference with the English delegates, the American delegates will go direct to Rome, where they will be in constant attendance upon the meetings of the various committees charged with arranging the preliminaries for the grand assemblage, which will convene on November 10.

The American delegates go as expert advisers in the formation of the new institute, and will assist in formulating the by-laws and constitution, and also in outlining the work in which it will be engaged. All the leading nations of Europe have appointed delegates to the convention for the purpose of effecting the organization. Congress at the last session voted an appropriation sufficient to pay the expenses of the delegates to the meeting, and also to insure the active participation of the United States in the work, which it is believed will grow to be of vast interest and material benefit to the agricultural interests of the world.



WILLIAM M. STEUART, One of America's Delegates.

Frank L. Sanford Spending Leave On Trip to New Hampshire Lakes

Frank L. Sanford, expert chief of division, manufactures division, is spending his annual leave on a trip to the lakes of New Hampshire. He is making the trip by boat from Baltimore, going by way of Boston, Mass.

George E. Oller, of the manufactures division, who was detailed on field work in connection with the census of electrical industries and the supply and distribution of cotton in New York and New Jersey, has completed the work and returned to office.

Oliver F. Busby, of the manufactures division, who is conducting field work on the census of electrical industries in Texas and Oklahoma, has been on annual leave at his home in Palestine, Tex., has returned to the office.

Emmons K. Ellsworth, principal auditor in the disbursing office, has been on leave of absence for the past week.

Charles H. Baers, of the disbursing office, has returned from a vacation visit of three weeks to relatives and friends at his home in Newport, Pa.

Thomas F. McNally, of the manufactures division, has been on annual leave for a week.

William F. Worcester, who has been doing field work in the West on the electrical inquiry, has been assigned to new territory, including Essex, Hudson, Sussex, and York counties, N. J., and Greater New York.

Morton H. Phillips, of the manufactures division, is taking several days of his annual leave.

Robert H. Merriam, of the manufactures division, continues ill at his apartment in the Burlington.

Dr. Harry C. Caldwell, of the division of vital statistics, has been on military duty for a few days with the District National Guard, of which he is an instructor in military tactics.

RETURNS TO OFFICE AFTER FIELD DUTY

William L. Austin, of the manufactures division, who has been doing field duty since the latter part of March in connection with the census of electrical industries and the supply and distribution of cotton in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, has returned to office.

Miss Alice Smith, of the manufactures division, has returned from an extended visit to her home at Litchfield, Ohio.

Miss Agnes C. Fitzsimons, who has been doing clerical work in the bureau, has received an appointment as a clerk in the forest service.

Miss Myrtle Painter, who has been employed in the bureau for several months, has received an appointment in the Geological Survey, and has entered upon her new duties.

Robert M. Estes, of the manufactures division, has been on the sick list for the past week.

Joshua B. Collins, of the manufactures division, returned from a short trip to Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Julia V. Battles, of the division of vital statistics, is on a vacation for two weeks.

SPENDING VACATION VISITING FRIENDS

Miss Ethel M. Darby, of the division of vital statistics, is spending a vacation in Baltimore, Md., paying a visit to relatives and friends.

Samuel W. Wood, of the division of vital statistics, is on leave of absence for several days.

Miss Margaret Beatty, stenographer and confidential clerk to William M. Steuart, chief statistician for manufactures, is on leave of absence for several days.

COMMERCE AND LABOR

STRATTON IS DELEGATE TO ELECTRIC CONGRESS

Director of Bureau of Standards Sails for London.

IS REPRESENTATIVE OF UNITED STATES

Has Taken an Active Interest in Work, and Is Eminently Qualified.

Dr. S. W. Stratton, director of the Bureau of Standards, sailed on Thursday last for London, where he will represent the United States as a delegate to the International Electrical Congress. Dr. Stratton was a delegate to this congress at St. Louis, Mo., in 1904. He has always taken an active interest in this and similar work, and will make a valuable member of the congress.

Dr. Stratton was largely instrumental in the organization of the Bureau of Standards, which has come to be one of the most important bureaus of the Government, and when the same was established by Congress in 1901, he was appointed its first director.

Dr. Stratton was born in Litchfield, Ill., in 1861. He graduated from the University of Illinois, B. S., in 1884. Was a member of the faculty of the same university in 1882, when he became connected with the faculty of the University of Chicago. He left Chicago in 1890 to take charge of the office of Weights and Measures in the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Dr. Stratton received the honorary degree of doctor of engineering from the University of Illinois in 1903, and the honorary degree of doctor of science from the Western University of Pennsylvania in the same year.

The new laboratory for the Bureau of Standards, for which a contract has recently been let, and secured largely through the untiring work of Dr. Stratton, will be a four-story building, 191 by 64 feet. The design will be plain, substantial, and dignified. It will be equipped with the latest scientific work which is to be done in the building.

Dr. Stratton was accompanied on his trip abroad by Edward B. Rosa, assistant physicist of the Bureau of Standards, and by Dr. J. H. Schrieffer, who is on leave of absence from the department of physics at the University of Chicago, to attend some new measures, which have been largely covered by the trip of Mr. Soleau.



DR. S. W. STRATTON, Who Represents United States at International Electrical Congress.

Bureau of Corporations, and Lewis T. Leonard, of the Bureau of Soils, Department of Agriculture, "stepped over" to Baltimore for a short visit. They walked the entire distance, about forty miles, in ten and one-half hours, and had some time to eat apples and persimmons, and indulge in "milk and soft drinks," according to Mr. Nichols' report. "It is needless to say," added Mr. Nichols, "that we did not walk back." This statement, however, referred to the fatigue of the walking, and had no connection with any effect that might have been produced by the milk and soft drinks.

William L. Soleau, disbursing clerk for the Department of Commerce and Labor, has returned to his desk from a business trip for the department to Baltimore, Md., New York city, and Boston, Mass. Mr. Soleau made an inspection of the various branches of the service at these points, and as a result of the recommendations he has made to the Secretary, it is expected that increased efficiency and economy will come. The great change in the status of the immigration business in recent months, has made it necessary to adopt some new measures, which have been largely covered by the trip of Mr. Soleau.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Zangwill Pay A Visit to Secretary Straus

The Department of Commerce and Labor was favored on Tuesday with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Israel Zangwill, who were in Washington for the week to witness the production on the stage of Mr. Zangwill's latest great drama, "The Melting Pot," which was the attraction at the Columbia Theater. Mr. Zangwill and Secretary Straus are close friends of long standing, and the Secretary occupied a box at the opening performance on Monday night.

Secretary Straus was in New York city yesterday to register his name for the November election.

Frank R. Rynev, of the division of naturalization, is taking several days of his annual leave. According to the annual custom of Mr. Rynev, he started yesterday, the anniversary of his wedding, on an automobile trip through Montgomery county, Md., accompanied by his family. This tour, which will occupy several days, is made every year, and short stops will be made to pay a visit to relatives and friends at various points.

J. W. Burch, of the Bureau of Corporations, who has been confined to Providence Hospital for several weeks with typhoid fever, and who recently had a setback, is reported to be again on the road to recovery, being at this time much better.

Richard K. Campbell, chief of the division of naturalization, is spending a vacation of ten days at his home in Virginia.

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POSTOFFICE

SECOND ASSISTANT GOES ON LONG WESTERN TRIP

Joseph Stewart Inspecting Pneumatic Tube Service in Chicago With Committee.

MEYER IN SPEECH TALKS OF FRANKLIN

Postmaster General Discusses Life and Work of the First Head of American Postal Service.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Joseph Stewart left Washington Thursday afternoon for a ten-day business trip to Chicago, Ill., St. Louis, and Kansas City, Mo.

He was accompanied to the first two cities by a sub-committee on the pneumatic tube service, for the purpose of looking into the condition of the system in those cities, and obtaining data upon which to make a detailed report later to Postmaster General Meyer, who desires to extend greatly the pneumatic service as fast as possible. In Kansas City, Mr. Stewart will look into several matters of importance affecting the transportation of the mails by the railways.

Postmaster General Meyer, who made an after-dinner talk at the banquet at the Bellevue-Stratford, in Philadelphia, on Wednesday night, given by the mayor and directors of the city in honor of the 25th anniversary of the founding of Philadelphia, elected to talk on the life and character of Benjamin Franklin, poet, printer, and philosopher. Franklin, who, like Mr. Meyer, was born in Massachusetts, was the first Postmaster General, which made the remarks of the present Postmaster General timely and of special interest.

M. O. Chance, auditor for the Postoffice Department, has been wearing for several days a solo boutonniere, a lone strawberry that he discovered tucked into his garden as he was preparing to put the plants away for the winter. It is a large, rich, luscious-looking berry, and has attracted considerable attention.

Mr. Chance declares that his hired boy committed an unpardonable error in overlooking the berry at the annual harvest time, and that he has given him notice to find another job.

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Disbursing Clerk William M. Mooney has been supplying his friends in the department with a choice lot of chestnuts during the week as the result of a trip he made on Sunday last to the woods back of the Chain Bridge. Mr. Mooney made a rich haul, as the supply seems to be almost limitless. There is yet a good quantity on hand.

James R. Young, superintendent of the division of dead letters, accompanied by Mrs. Young, left yesterday for his annual leave of absence. He will be spending the latter part of the time at Mr. Young's old home in Philadelphia, Pa., where he will go to vote.

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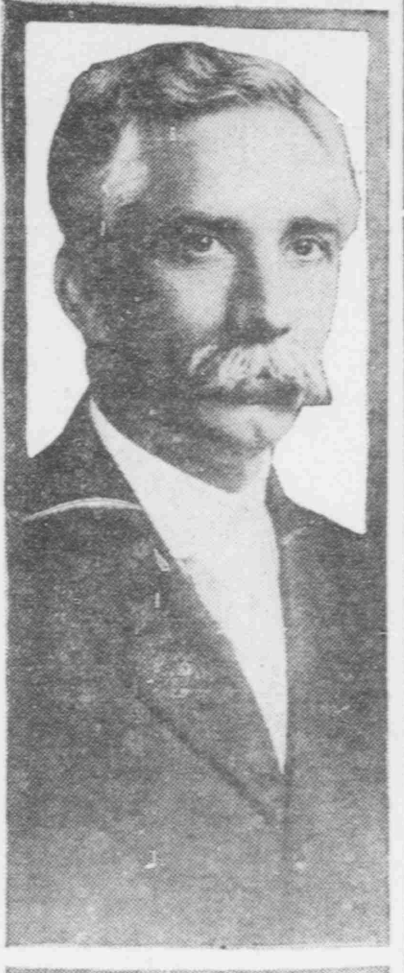
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DISTRICT

DISTRICT BUILDING FULL OF REAL FANS

Baseball Pennant Race Sole Topic of Conversation in Week Just Passed.

There was some excitement in the District building last week. Groups of excited officials gathered in corners and entered into jingling and animated conversations.

It wasn't about politics. It was about baseball and who was to win the pennant.

E. E. Helm, who is just recovering from the use of a broken arm, ran serious chances of dislocating that member, by the employment of vigorous gestures, in demonstrating that there was nothing to it but Chicago.

"I don't know," remarked Mr. Donovan, "the reputation of being a skilled mathematician, was there with several sheets of paper and a pencil to prove that New York still had a chance. And there were others."

"If New York wins all three games from Boston there will be nothing to it but the Giants," remarked Mr. Donovan. "The board of directors won't dare to take the pennant away on a technicality. Of course, I know Matty is pretty nearly all in, but that boy Ames has shown that he can produce the goods. I guess Muggsy was foolish when he took a chance with that lad."

"Again, if New York wins all three games and the board of directors don't give them the tie game, which they haven't done yet because they are not sure whether Merkle touched second base before Pittsburgh was behind and the Cubs ahead of the Giants, they will still have a look-in because the board of directors are square men. Do you follow me?"

"Easy," says "Bun" Helm, "but you will have to show me where they have anything on the Cubs, who in my opinion have played gritty enough ball to deserve the pennant even if they are a Western team. If the Union League hadn't blown up when it did, Washington would have had a pennant-winning team and you can take it from me that next year the Nationals will be there or thereabouts at the close of the season."

Honestly, now, leaving all kidding aside, Cantillon will sure be in the running next season, and," but Mr. Helm was forced to reserve his views on Mr. Cantillon's ability as a manager, his ability as a player, by common sense drifted away at the introduction of a topic with such endless possibilities for argument.

All this was several days ago. They are wiser now.

TINGING OF WALLS TO REPLACE WHITE

General Satisfaction is expressed at the announcement that the walls of the District Building are to be tinted. The color matters not. Gray, green, or blue will be a welcome relief from the dazzling whiteness, which, though artistic, is exceedingly trying on the eyes.

Thomas E. Drake, Superintendent of Insurance, has addressed an official letter to the Commissioners on the subject, and others have commented unofficially on the fact that their eyesight is not benefited by the reflection from the walls.

Capt. William Kelly, Assistant Engineer Commissioner, and with Capt. Edwin Markham, joint superintendents of the building, has said that although the District has not the money at present the walls are to be tinted some time in the future. And those whose rooms reflect the glare of the sun are glad of it.

JOHN E. BALLINGER GETS A PROMOTION

John E. Ballinger, of the surface division, has been promoted to assistant engineer in the surveyor's office at \$4 a day.

James L. Fugh, assistant corporation counsel at the Police Court, has returned from his vacation.

Maxwell Thomas Henry Oble, of Chief Bell's office, Fire Department, has returned from a fishing trip at Deep Hole, Va.

Capt. William Myers, of the executive office, has returned from a visit to Boston.

Chief Bell, of the Fire Department, and his secretary, William C. Eckstein, will leave October 18, for Mathias Point, where, for a brief time they will endeavor to keep the waves of official life in hunting and fishing.

Roscoe Lamb, of the Assessor's office, attended a barbecue Wednesday night.

John M. George, of the office of the Corporation Counsel, has returned from a visit to relatives in King George county, Va.

Will Spend Leave On A Hunting Trip

R. E. Duffy, of the superintendent's staff, will spend his vacation in hunting in Maryland and Virginia.

Daniel E. Garges, chief clerk of the Engineer Department, has returned to Washington after spending the summer at his summer home in Washington Grove.

C. M. Willoughby, of the press room, has returned from a visit to Knoxville, Tenn., and Jonesville, Va.

Louis C. Wilson, of the disbursing office, was among those present at the house warming in the new Masonic Temple. Mr. Wilson is a prominent Mason, and was actively engaged in extending hospitalities to visiting delegations and guests.

Waldo C. Hibbs, secretary to Commissioner Macfarland, is on leave. Mr. Hibbs enjoys the reputation of being the champion long distance walker of the District building, and his vacations are spent in long tramps in Maryland and Virginia.

Miss Grace L. Phillips, of the assenting division, office of the auditor, returned Monday from a vacation of two weeks.

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